



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

CAIN ET AL

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SYSTEMS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003, please amend the
above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amended claims:

12. (Twice Amended) A structured particulate system comprising at least one
active, organic solid food additive incorporated in a matrix which forms a network
completely incorporating said active, organic solid food additive in a weight ratio of 1:99
of said solid additive to 99:1 of said matrix, the mean weight diameter of the particles of
said structured system ranging from 25 to 1500 microns and the system displaying a
loose bulk density of 0.1 to 1.1 Kg/l.